

October 8, 2012

**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative  
Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

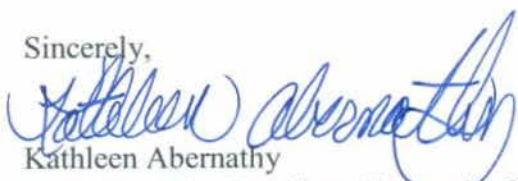
Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter the Frontier Communications ("Frontier") nominates Ken Mason to serve as the representative on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") for incumbent local exchange carriers other than Bell Operating Companies with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million (the position formerly held by D. Michael Anderson).

Ken has close to 20 years of experience in the telecommunications industry and he is currently Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs for Frontier. He is responsible for directing Frontier's legislative and regulatory activities within the states Frontier operates, as well as assisting in setting Frontier's federal and state policy positions and advocacy objectives. His background includes significant experience in the development and implementation of Universal Service goals and requirements. A copy of Mr. Mason's professional biography is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this nomination.

Sincerely,

  
Kathleen Abernathy  
Executive Vice-President, External Affairs  
Frontier Communications

### **Kenneth F Mason**

Ken Mason is currently Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs for Frontier Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: FTR). As a result of growth through acquisitions, including Frontier's 2010 transaction with Verizon Communications, Frontier is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest incumbent telecommunications company in the United States with a focus on serving residents in rural, small towns and cities in the 27 states where they operate. Ken is responsible for directing Frontier's legislative and regulatory activities within the states Frontier operates, as well as assisting in setting Frontier's federal and state policy positions and advocacy objectives. As part of his responsibilities, Ken has been intimately involved in the development and implementation of Universal Service goals and requirements.

Ken has almost 20 years of experience in the wireline and wireless telecommunications industry, and began his career with Frontier in 1996. Over that time he has held positions with increasing responsibility covering a variety of areas in the business. In addition, Ken has played a key role in attaining the required regulatory approvals from state regulatory commissions, as well as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) during Frontier's transactions. He has spoken on numerous industry panel discussions related to intercarrier compensation, Universal Service and rural broadband at the FCC and at NARUC conferences.

Ken's experiences have enabled him to develop a wide array of skills in people as well as issue management, negotiations, sales, marketing, government relations and advocacy, development of industry coalitions, budgeting and finance.

Ken holds a bachelors degree from St. Bonaventure University and a MBA from the State University of New York - Empire State.